

Congressman Pence [was quoted](#) during *PBS' NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* regarding the Democrats' energy bill that was passed last night over Congressman Pence's objections:

*JIM LEHRER: Republicans insisted the measure is a hoax. Congressman Mike Pence of Indiana said it has so many restrictions, it won't make any difference at all.*

*REP. MIKE PENCE (R), Ind.: The drill-nothing Congress has brought a bill that actually includes basically a drill-almost-nothing provisions. They say yes to drilling, but not in Alaska, not in the eastern gulf, and not within 50 miles. On behalf of our constituents who are struggling under record gasoline prices, end this charade. Stop playing politics with America's energy independence.*

Also worth a read is the *Los Angeles Times'* [editorial](#) on this bill.

Congressman Pence was [also mentioned](#) in *WIBC's* (93.1 FM) report on the bill.

*Sixth District Republican Mike Pence says it's estimated only one-eighth of offshore oil is outside the 50-mile line.*

*Republicans also complain the bill does not give states any revenue from new drilling. States currently receive up to 39% of the revenue from drilling in their waters.*

*Pence faults the bill for omitting incentives for nuclear power as part of a package of incentives for alternative fuels. Hill says there was no political consensus on nuclear energy.*